UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

CHRISTOPHER GOODVINE,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 21-cv-826

v.

CO ADAMS, CO WILLIAMS, JOHN DOE OFFICERS #1-5, NURSE RN SAM, CO BALSAMO and COMMANDER DUCKERT,

Defendants.

ORDER DISMISSING CASE WITHOUT PREJUDICE FOR FAILURE TO PAY INITIAL PARTIAL FILING FEE

On July 7, 2021, the plaintiff filed this civil rights lawsuit, alleging that the defendants (employees of the Milwaukee County Jail) retaliated against him for exercising his right to free speech and failed to protect him from self-harm. Dkt. No. 1. Five days later, the court received from the plaintiff a motion to proceed without prepaying the filing fee. Dkt. No. 4. At that point, the plaintiff had three cases pending in this district—Goodvine v. Severson, et al., Case No. 21-cv-45; Goodvine v. John Doe Jail Official 1, Case No. 21-cv-46; and the instant case. He had requested leave to proceed without prepaying the filing fee in each one.

On September 20, 2021—three days after the court received the plaintiff's trust account statement—the court issued an order requiring that on or before October 20, 2021, the plaintiff must pay an initial partial filing fee of

\$1.77. Dkt. No. 9. October 20 came and went without the court receiving any money from the plaintiff. On November 10, 2021—three weeks after the deadline by which the plaintiff was to pay the initial partial filing fee—the court issued an order extending the deadline for paying the initial partial filing fee to November 26, 2021 and advising the plaintiff that if the court did not receive either the initial partial filing fee or a written explanation for why he could not pay it by the end of the day on November 26, 2021, the court would dismiss the case without prejudice. Dkt. No. 10.

On November 12, 2021, the court received from the plaintiff a motion to extend the deadline for paying the initial partial filing fee by an additional thirty days. Dkt. No. 11. He indicated that he had not received "notice of the order"—he did not say which order—until the last week of October and asked for the additional time to "arrange payment" of the initial partial filing fee. Id. The plaintiff dated that motion November 10, 2021—the day the court issued its order extending the deadline for payment to November 26, 2021.

Nonetheless, the court granted the plaintiff one further extension. Magistrate Judge Stephen C. Dries issued an order giving the plaintiff a deadline of December 27, 2021 by which to pay the \$1.77 initial partial filing fee. Dkt. No. 12.

December 27, 2021 has passed without the court receiving the initial partial filing fee. It has been almost five months since the plaintiff filed the lawsuit and the court has given him two extensions of time to pay. The court will dismiss the case.

The court **ORDERS** that this case is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** for failure to pay the initial partial filing fee by the deadline set by the court.

The clerk will enter judgment accordingly.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 30th day of December, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

HON. PAMELA PEPPER

Chief United States District Judge